**Weekly programmes for welfare of SCs/STs and Others Backward Classes**

3226. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been sponsoring broadcast of a weekly programme entitled "Sanvarti Jayen, Jeewan Ki Rahen" in Hindi and other regional languages through various Hindi and Regional Stations of All India Radio;

(b) whether this programme has been proving effective in creating awareness about various welfare schemes launched by Government for SCs, .STs and other socially, economically and educationally backward classes; and

(c) if so, whether it is proposed to continue broadcast of this popular weekly programme to enhance the publicity of these schemes through such programme and other jingles, spots etc. on AIR/TV ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR SAN JAY PASWAN) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) The broadcast of the programme "Sanwarti Jayen, Jeewan Ki Rahen" will continue in the North Eastern States of the country till May, 2003. The publicity of the schemes is also carried out through the sports/jingles on AIR and TV from time to time.

**Projects for welfare of backward classes and weaker sections in U.P.**

3227. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects running in Uttar Pradesh for the welfare of people belonging to backward classes and weaker sections;

(b) the number of projects undertaken in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the amount spent thereon; and

(c) the achievements of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (c) The Ministry released funds to the State Government and Voluntary Organizations for various activities under 17 welfare schemes of the Ministry during the last three years. Details of amount released are given in the enclosed Statement.